CONVERSION OF KANDUKRISHI LANDS

27. [7] **Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu :** May I know from the hon. Minister for Land Revenue.—

(*a*) whether a deputation from the Onattukara Karshakasangham waited on him and made representations regarding the penal assessment for conversion of Kandukrishi lands into garden lands, etc.;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken on the same?

Answer

(*a*) A memorandum in regard to the matter was received by the Minister for Revenue on 20th August 1951 from the President, Onattukara Karshaka-sangham.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

P.W.D. SUBORDINATES

28 [8] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal :** Will the hon. Minister for P.W.D. be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the salary or allowance of the subordinates of the Public Works Department has been enhanced recently;

(*b*) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative what is the rate of enhancement thus ordered to be given;

(*c*) has payment been done in accordance with this enhancement; if not, why, and

(d) whether representations have been made by the subordinates of the Canal Section (W.E. Staff) Alleppey for getting their salary and allowance under the enhanced rates?

Answer

(*a*) The pay of the Work Establishment staff has been enhanced.

(*b*) The basic minimum pay of the Work Establishment staff was raised to Rs. 20 per mensem.

(*c*) Payment has been made at the enhanced rates in almost all Divisions of the Public Works Department. But in some Divisions and Sub-Divisions, payment was not made at the enhanced rates for want of sufficient allotment in the budget. Orders have already been issued to the officers concerned to disburse the pay at the enhanced rates as early as possible meeting the necessary expenditure by diversion.

(d) Yes.

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LABOURERS IN ESTATES

2[illegible] [3] **Sri. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** With reference to the labourers in Ponmudi, Invercauld, Merchiston and Bonaccaud estates, will the hon. Minister for Labour be pleased to answer the following.—

(a) how many labourers are employed in each of those estates;

(*b*) how many people including the members of the family of each labourer live permanently in each of those estates;

(*c*) whether any enumeration has been conducted about the people living in those estates and ration cards issued;

(*d*) what is the total quantity of controlled articles of food issued to each of those estates;

(*e*) what is the total acreage under tea cultivation in each of those estates; and

(*f*) whether there is any area planted with rubber in those estates and if so what?

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Answer

(*a*) Ponmudi Estate Employs 575 workers; Merchiston 450; Invercauld 320. and Bonaccaud 1028.

(*b*) 935, 662, 420 and 1,500 persons reside permanently in Ponmudi, Merchiston, Invercauld and Bonaccaud Estates respectively.

(*c*) Enumeration was conducted but ration cards were not issued.

(*d*) The quantities of controlled food stuffs issued per month to the different estates are as follows.—

	Wheat	*Rice*
	lbs.	*lbs.*
Ponmudi ..	3770	10273
Merchiston ..	2856	7616
Invercauld ..	1854	4944
Bonaccaud ..	5927	15889

(*e*) In Ponmudi Estate 573 acres are under tea cultivation, in Merchiston 475 acres; in Invercauld 309 and in Bonaccaud 967.

(*f*) 221 acres are under Rubber cultivation in the Poonmudi Estate and 83·3 acres in Bonaccaud Estate. The other two are wholly tea estates.

SALE OF FOOD GRAINS

30. [5] **P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the loss sustained by Government on account of sale of rationed food-grains for the period March to August 1951.

(*b*) the amount this Government received or expects to receive as subsidy from Government of India to meet the loss.

Answer

(*a*) Rs. 26 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 144·25 lakhs.

GROUNDNUT CAKE

31. [6] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of groundnut cake imported by Government for manure during the period March to August 1951;

(*b*) the quantity distributed in each of the Revenue Divisions to cultivators during the above period;

(*c*) the value of the Groundnut Cake imported during this period and the loss if any sustained by its sale ?

Answer

(*a*) Nil.

(*b*) The following quantities have been distributed from the previous stocks.—

Trivandrum ..	116	Tons	15½	Cwts.
Quilon ..	77	,,	4	,,
Kottayam ..	139	,,	12	,,
Trichur ..	5	,,	13	,,

(c) Does not arise in the light of the answer to (a) above.

PADDY PROCUREMENT

32. [7] **Sri. P. S. Nataraja Pillai :** Will the hon. Minister for Food be pleased to state.—

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